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CONSTRUCTION OF QUILON-KUTTIPURAM NATIONAL INLAND WATERWAY
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made regarding construction of Quilon-Kuttipuram National inland waterway;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon so far; and

(c) the time by which the construction work is likely to be completed.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Kollam to Kottapuram stretch of West Coast Canal alongwith Udyogmandal and Champakara canals in Kerala having a total length of 205 kms is a National Waterway. Champakara canal, Udyogmandal canal and Kochi-Edapallikota section of West Coast Canal are presently being used for navigation by mechanized vessels. National Waterway from Kollam to Kottapuram is being maintained by carrying out dredging, providing day navigational aids and conducting hydrographic surveys, repair and modification of locks, widening of narrow sections of the waterway. Action for land acquisition and construction of terminals at 11 locations has been initiated. Dredging in Kochi-Alapuzha stretch has been completed. One Survey Launch has been constructed and is being utilized for conducting survey and 24 hours navigation facility has been approved.

(b) An expenditure of approximately Rs.41.15 crore has been incurred in NW-3 till March, 2001.

(c) Approved capital works are expected to be completed during the 10th Plan period.